

# NIGHT FIGHTING BEFORE MANILA.

Thrilling Description by an Officer on the Staff of General Greene.

## SALVATION IN THE FLEET.

Intrenchments Would Have Cost Hundreds of Lives Without the Ships at Hand.

## ASSAULT BY LAND AND SEA.

How It Feels to Advance Through Mud and Water with Bullets by Thousands Whizzing Through the Air.

Atlanta, Oct. 22.—Dr. Frank S. Bourns, who was formerly a resident of this city and who is now a staff officer in the American army at Manila, has written the following letter to Judge George Hillier:

Manila, Phil., Aug. 28, 1898. Judge George Hillier, Atlanta, Ga. Dear Judge:—Since writing you from Cavite I have been so completely occupied that I have not found time to do more in the way of correspondence than to write an occasional line to my parents. But to-day is Sunday, and for the first time I have a little time at my disposal. I will start an account of the events that have recently taken place.

Nothing worthy of note took place until the night of August 31. We had previously taken possession of the trenches occupied by the insurgents and fronting the Spanish fort of San Antonio. The Spanish had been engaged in putting them in better condition. At this time we occupied not more than a few yards of trenches from the beach. Our men had been at work in the open during the day and save for an occasional single shot had not been disturbed by the Spaniards, who were strongly entrenched about 1,000 yards in front.

On the night of the 31st, about 11 o'clock, they opened fire on our trenches, which were occupied by the Tenth Pennsylvania. Our men, thinking an attempt was being made to carry the trenches, replied at a lively rate. Then artillery opened up on both sides. This caused very lively firing, and the Spaniards began to retreat. One man and one-half miles away. The First California first went up to the support, followed by the Tenth Pennsylvania. The night was very dark, raining hard, most terrible roads, and as a result more or less confusion.

Enemy Shot Well. The Spaniards had the exact range, both for artillery and for rifles, and poured in a rain of lead and steel. This kept up for two hours and then stopped. Our losses were ten killed and about forty-five or fifty wounded. There was a good deal of speculation as to whether the Spaniards had actually come out of their trenches to attack or not, some being positive that they had, others being of the opinion that they had not. In the light of recent developments it is not probable that they came out at least in any great numbers.

The next night there was more of it when the Colonel's regiment was in the trenches, but after firing a few rounds the Spaniards were not outside their trenches, so ordered our men to quit firing and keep down behind the trenches. One was killed and one wounded. Tuesday night this was repeated, and one man killed. For two nights all was quiet, but on Friday night, August 3rd, we were again attacked. The Spaniards were very angry over these night attacks, nothing could be gained on their side. So word was sent in to Manila that if they continued one of the war vessels would blockade their harbor and destroy them. This ended the night attacks.

Then for a few days of quiet. We extended our line and, being a good deal of the line next the sea, the Spanish were occupied by the insurgents, strengthening them until our line ran in for half a mile, perhaps a bit more. All this line was confronted by a very strong line of the enemy's intrenchments, so strong (as we have since learned) that we probably could not have taken them with the artillery at our command. If we had not had the fleet to back us.

General Attack Arranged. Finally, all preparations were made, and a general attack by land and sea was ordered on the 13th. The Second Brigade, commanded by General Greene, held the part of the line next the sea, the first was the brigade that was expected to be the important work. It was composed of the First Colorado, Tenth Pennsylvania, First Nebraska and First Kansas regiments, 1,000 men, with eight guns, 32-inch; two battalions Eighteenth regiment infantry, two batteries Third Regiment artillery, without guns, and a detachment of engineers, in all a little over five thousand men. General McArthur's brigade of about 3,700 held the right of the line inland. He had the Fourteenth Regiment, 400 men; Twenty-third Regiment, 600; Thirtieth Minnesota Volunteers, 850; Wyoming Volunteers, 700; Idaho Volunteers, 700; North Dakota Volunteers, 700; and Battery, 150. A total, as you see, of about 3,700.

According to the plan, the fleet was to begin the bombardment of Fort San Antonio and the Spanish trenches at 10 o'clock, but for some reason they opened up half an hour earlier. We did not wonder at it, but soon seeing that they proposed to keep it up, we started in to help with the 32 inch guns of the Utah batteries.

For an hour we had very little to do but watch the effect of the shells, as there was little response from the Spanish side. We were in doubt as to what arrangements had been made, and now began to think that we were to march in without any fighting. A little before 11 o'clock one battalion of the Colorado was ordered to deploy in front of the Spanish lines.

Hot Fighting in Earnest. When within about 200 yards of their trenches, they were made aware of the presence of the enemy, and a lively firing began. We continued our artillery fire over their heads.

Presently artillery fire from our guns and from fleet coasted, the second and third battalions of companies advanced and the General began to order a general advance. All of the staff were then busy carrying orders. I first went with an order for the first battalion of the Eighteenth Infantry to advance. Then immediately after for the second battalion, and also the Third Artillery. The latter were at an extreme right and through as choice Philippine mud and water as I have ever seen.

At the time I was approaching the Calle Real on my return, the Eighteenth Infantry had advanced along the road and were having a lively firing with the enemy, as I had abundant opportunity to note when I reached the place where the Eighteenth had been, as the Spanish bullets were whizzing and striking all around me in a way extremely suggestive of surgery and post mortems, two things that I have already been extremely interested in, but which I had never before considered from the side of the subject.

These observations, however, did not take much time, as I was getting along as fast as I could. I had a cross fire on me from the right and in front. When I came to the river my Philippine pony refused to go in, so I had to get off and lead him. Presently I came up behind Fort San Antonio under shelter. Here I found the General and staff.

We stayed here perhaps fifteen minutes, but were too exposed to much fire, as our troops were advancing and driving the enemy along. Then we started along the street through Manila and Bema. When half way along we were met by Major Bell of the engineers, who said that the white flag was showing on a corner of the walls of the Spanish fort. We were advancing our troops at the front, and were again fired upon by "mistake," and this time from the walls. One was fatally wounded and two others slightly. Our boys were very much worked up over the fact that they were being fired upon, and were restrained and no more firing occurred.

At this point we met a lot of the enemy's troops coming in and stopped to make some inquiries. Just at this time a young man connected with the Belgian Consulate came up to say that General Greene was wanted at the palace inside the walls. The General directed his adjutant, Captain Bates, and myself to accompany him, and we returned to the point where the white flag was flying, where there was a small place through which we could enter. We left our horses, and once inside, took a carriage which was waiting for us and were driven to the palace, where we were shown into the presence of the Spanish officials. We were very disreputable looking individuals, as we had on our rough tropical suits and were covered with mud and wet through. The General wore a sword, but Captain Bates and I had only our 38-calibre army revolvers and a belt of cartridges apiece. But we were not standing on ceremony very much that day.

## Extraordinary Sale of Furniture at Cut Prices.

Enormous sacrifices made in our Furniture Department for Monday and Tuesday. We have cut everything regardless of cost. When you see the goods at the prices we have put on them you will be convinced of the truth of our statement at a glance. We are bound to make room in this department. Here are a few of the prices:

14.50 Couches, only 2 of them, for...	11.98	21.75 Couches, only 1 of them, for...	18.50
13.98 Couches, only 1 of them, for...	9.98	18.88 Couches, only 1 of them, for...	15.00
14.50 Couches, only 1 of them, for...	11.50	19.50 Couches, only 1 of them, for...	15.00
15.00 Couches, only 1 of them, for...	11.50	25.00 Couches, only 1 of them, for...	22.50
9.98 Couches, only 1 of them, for...	7.50	30.00 Couches, only 1 of them, for...	22.50
22.50 Couches, only 2 of them, for...	16.98	37.50 Couches, only 1 of them, for...	30.00
7.75 Couches, only 4 of them, for...	5.00	25.00 Couches, only 1 of them, for...	17.50
15.00 Couches, only 1 of them, for...	11.00		

These Couches are all made with best steel springs, some all hair, with velvet, corduroy and tapestry coverings. Come early and get the pick, as they won't last long.

9.98 Bed Lounges, for...	7.50	Both coverings velvet.	
12.98 Bed Lounges, for...	10.00		
37.50 fine Parlor Suits for...	30.00	32.45 fine Parlor Suits for...	25.00
19.75 fine Parlor Suits for...	14.50	47.50 fine Parlor Suits for...	35.00
37.50 fine Parlor Suits for...	32.00	27.00 fine Parlor Suits for...	21.00
40.00 fine Parlor Suits for...	30.00	39.00 fine Parlor Suits for...	30.00
49.00 fine Parlor Suits for...	35.00	27.00 fine Parlor Suits for...	21.00
47.50 fine Parlor Suits for...	32.50	42.50 fine Parlor Suits for...	34.00
23.98 fine Parlor Suits for...	19.00	20.00 fine Parlor Suits for...	14.50

These are fine Parlor Suits; some are over-stuffed and some frame work. They are all well made, coverings of plush, velvet, damask, and more. Even if you do not need it for the present it will pay you to get it now.

## Odd Chairs and Divans.

\$62.50 Fine French Gilt Divan, Verdel Martin figures...	37.50	\$10.50 Chairs, in damask, for...	7.50
		\$11.50 Chairs, in plush, for...	7.50

## Tabourettes, Very Rich.

\$6.75 Tabourettes, very fancy designs...	4.98	\$5.00 very fancy Tabourettes for...	2.98
		\$5.00 extra fine Tabourettes for...	3.98

## Piano Stools.

\$1.05 Piano Stools for...	75c	\$6.25 Double Piano Stools, for...	4.48
\$2.00 Piano Stools for...	1.48		

## \$1.98 for Women's \$4.00 Boots.

To be exact, there are 1,179 pairs of Women's Buttoned and Laced Shoes in styles to suit all tastes—Shoes that rival the appearance of \$5.00 and \$6.00 shoes, and in fact, equal the wear of them. They are Shoes that are ordinarily sold at \$3.00 and \$4.00 a pair. You won't find fault when you see that they are nearly all the \$4.00 and \$5.00 shoes. Expect something better than you ever had before, and you will not be disappointed. The styles consist of French kid, foxed, fancy venting cloth top Laced Shoes, with kid and patent leather tips; box calf foxing kangaroo top Laced Shoes, with kid, hand welt Button and Laced Shoes, and extra high Storm Boots. The finish throughout is in keeping with the general style of the Shoes. The greater part of them are welted and stitched soles; all at 1.98. The sensational price of... 98c.

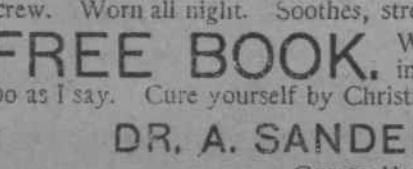
## CARPETS, LINOLEUMS AND OILCLOTHS.

We are prepared to offer for your consideration 3 great bargains, such as have never been shown in any carpet house or carpet department in the world. We think the mere announcement of the prices will satisfy you without further comment.

Bargain No. 1—FINE MOQUETTE CARPETS, yard...	50c	Bargain No. 3—ENGLISH LINOLEUMS, yard...	20c
Bargain No. 2—GOOD BRUSSELS CARPETS, yard...	25c	Bargain No. 4—GOOD OILCLOTHS, yard...	10c

These are not the only good things we have to offer in this department, but should be sufficient to show the extraordinary values we will offer.

## STRENGTH FOR WEAK MEN BY CHRISTMAS TIME, 1898.



tion for the day. The first was that bullets seemed to have less significance when one was acting in order than when merely standing around waiting for orders. The second was that bullets seemed to have more significance when one was alone than when with a party, for two reasons. I suppose, first, when in a party one always thinks that the bullets will hit the other fellow, and second, because when alone one thinks the bullets are all aimed at him.

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## Conference at the Palace.

Inside we found Lieutenant-Colonel Whittier, who, with Lieutenant Brumby, of the Olympia, had come off from the fleet, preceding us. Lieutenant Brumby had gone back for General Merritt. A demand for surrender was made and also a demand that the Spanish troops be ordered up to deposit their arms. We waited an hour, and wanted to wait for General Merritt, but had lots of work outside, so could not.

General Greene would not leave, however, until he had obtained assurance that the city would capitulate, nor until the order had been given for the men to march up and deposit their arms. I was acting as interpreter and had to make this latter request three times before the order was given. The last time I made it my language was, if less polite, at least more imperative.

Having obtained these demands we returned to the troops, being driven out by a gale directly in front of where the most of our men were. Yours very truly, FRANK S. BOURNS.

## Fell Dead in the Street.

Daniel Murphy, a photographer of No. 881 East One Hundred and Sixty-first street, was taken suddenly ill in Third Avenue, yesterday morning. He died before an ambulance arrived.

## Stricken with Paralysis at Bridge.

Thomas R. Knox, a retired publisher, of No. 47 West Ninety-fourth street, was stricken with paralysis at the entrance to the Bridge on Park row, and taken to the Hudson Street Hospital yesterday morning.

## Two Ways of Looking at It.

"A man who will leave his property to his wife only on condition of her not marrying again," said the Sweet Young Thing, "is as mean as he can be."

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## DRESS GOODS.

### Extra Special Bargains.

100 pieces All Wool Dress Flannel, in plain or mixed colors, only 19c per yard. Another case 50 pieces Very Fine French Suitings, strictly all wool, full 48 inches, positively worth \$1.00 per yard; our price 49c per yard.

43c Quality All Wool Domestic Suitings, marked at 29c per yard. 50-inch Extra Fine All Wool Colored Storm Serge, only 49c per yard. Another case 40 pieces 36 to 40 inch Dress Suitings, only 15c per yard; well worth 30c to 45c.

105 pieces Plaid and Fancy Suitings, only 11c per yard. 52-inch All Wool Dress Flannel, usually sold at 60c; our price, 37 1/2c per yard. \$1.75 quality, 48-inch All Wool, Very Fine French Whip-cords, our price, only 89c per yard.

\$1.00 Quality 48-inch All Wool Crash Suitings, now 79c per yard. 60c Quality 45-inch Silk and Wool Plaids, extra special, 39c per yard.

## Black Dress Goods.

### Extra Special.

45 and 50 inch All Wool Dress Flannel, a regular 50c quality, unmarked for this sale, 25c per yard. 50-inch Very Wide Imported English Mohair Brilliantine, only 60c per yard; would be good value at 80c.

40-inch Imported English Mohair Brilliantine, the 50c quality; marked for this sale, 39c per yard. \$1.25 Quality Imported All Wool Crepons, a leader, only 59c per yard.

## Velvets! Velvets!

### EXTRA SPECIAL.

27-inch Very Wide Imported Corduroy, suitable for boys' suits, cycle wear and ladies' shirt waists, in desirable colors, viz., drab, black, brown, marine blue, myrtle green, etc.; this quality positively worth 75c; our special price 59c per yard.

22-inch Very Fine Corded Velvet, suitable for ladies' shirt waists, in full line of colors, only 49c per yard. Another lot 75 pieces Very Fine German Silk-velvet, in full line of colors, suitable for waists, etc., only 29c per yard.

30 pieces Black Silk-velvet, special 25c. 50 pieces Colored Silk Velvet, the best 98c velvet in the market; well worth \$1.25.

## Silks! Silks!

### Extra Special Bargains.

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\$1.00 quality Very Fine Quality FANCY TAFETTA Silks, now 69c per yard. 85c and 89c quality Fancy Taffeta Silks, now 59c per yard. \$1.00 Quality Rich Plaid Silks, now 79c per yard.

Yards Wide Cream White Wash Silks, only 39c per yard, instead of 40c. Black Satin Duchesse, all silk, 45c per yard; worth 60c. Black Taffeta Silks, 39c and 49c per yard.

Another lot 22-inch Lining Silks, only 25c per yard. Colored Satin Duchesse, only 48c per yard. Colored Satins, 25c and 39c per yard.

## Household Linens.

All Linen Damask Covers, with colored borders, 84 size, 65c each; 104 size, at 85c each; 124 size, at \$1.00 each. 72-inch Full Bleached All Linen Table Damask, choice of 6 different patterns, for this week 59c per yard; value 75c.

Extra Heavy 68-inch Bleached Satin Finish Linen Damask, new designs, at 79c per yard. Napkins, to match, 1/2 size, at \$1.50 per dozen; 3/4 size, at \$2.25 per dozen. New Designs in Fancy Colored Table Covers in 84 size, 104 size and 124 size, at from \$2.25 to \$4.75 each.

Hemstitched and Fringed Linen Huck and Damask Towels, 19 inches wide, 36 inches long, at 15c each or \$1.75 per dozen. Hemstitched or Fringed Huck or Damask Towels, 23 inches wide by 42 inches long, at 25c each.

## A Few Decided Bargains in Domestic and Flannels.

Heavy Brown Canton Flannel, a 9c quality, at 6c per yard. Cream and White Domestic Flannels, from 27 to 30 inches wide, at 5c, 6c and 7c per yard; same cannot be matched anywhere at these figures.

Babies' White Bedford Cord Coats, with circular capes, also some with sailor and fancy collars, trimmed with silk braid and lamb's wool, special at \$2.98, \$3.98. Babies' Elderdown Coats, in white and light blue, sizes 6 months to 2 years, with large, fancy collar, trimmed with ribbon, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.79.

## Trimmed Hats for Children and Grown People.

Here is a dainty little Toque of velvet, now so much in vogue, trimmed with satin ribbon, gray birds and steel ornaments, at \$3.50. Felt Short-back Sailors, in all colors, trimmed with wings, velvet and taffeta silk, very pretty and stylish, at \$4.75. Children's Felt Hats with Tam o' Shanter crown and edge of silk velvet, trimmed with quills, at \$1.75; in all colors.

## ALPINES.

Very Fine Quality of Felt Alpines, thoroughly trimmed and satin lined, at \$1.75.

## Art Embroidery Dept.

We carry constantly in stock a large assortment of Remnant Patterns for making Bureau Scarfs, Table Center, Pillow Shams, Doylies, Handkerchiefs, Photo Frames and Borders. Our patterns are all of the most desirable designs and our prices the lowest. Also, in this department the Linen Battenberg Braid, Battenberg Thread and Rings for making the above patterns.

## Notions, Notions,

### At the Lowest Possible Price.

Dressmakers and others should take advantage. "Paragon" Velveteen Skirt Binding, yard pieces, black only, piece, 10c. All Silk Taffeta Seam Binding, piece, 10c. All Silk Prussian Binding, extra piece, 10c. Star Protector Skirt Binding, 5c. yard, 24c.

Non-twisting Bunch Tape, 4 widths, bunch, 3c. Hairpin Cabinets, contains 100 hairpins, 3c. Pin Cushions, filled with pl. Fancy Filled Garter Elastic, piece, 3c. Binding Cotton, 1 dozen spools for De Long's Hooks and Eyes, cat dozen, 8c.

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Beau Ideal Waving and Curl Pins. Will curl and wave the hair the most beautiful manner. Set of 3-25c.

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## Two Items in Shoes for Monday.

A Phenomenal Shoe Offer 300 Ladies' Shoes at \$1.95. 1,500 PAIRS, consisting of the following assortment: width B to E, sizes 3 to 6. Kangaroo, bright finish, kid tips, New York toe, button and lace, opera and globe toe. Box Calf Lace, New York toe, with kid tips. Fine Kid and Cloth Tops, Button and Lace, coin, London and common sense toes.

## Your Choice Monday, \$1.95. 500 PAIRS.

Ladies' \$2.00 Shoes, \$1.39, widths C to E, sizes 2 1/2 to 7, in kid and cloth tops, button and lace, opera and globe toe.

## Infants' and Children's Cloak Department.

Children's Colored Coats, assorted styles and materials, broadcloth, kersey and boucle cloth, finished and trimmed with braid, ribbon and fur, \$4.50, \$5.98, \$7.98. Another lot of Children's Coats, formerly sold at \$3.98, sizes 2 to 5 years, made of heavy material and well lined, now on sale at \$2.40.

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